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ADDRESSEES SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IN RESPONDING
TO INQUIRIES REGARDING FRENCH ISSUANCE OF INVITATIONS TO
A PREPARATORY CONSUMER-PRODUCER MEETING.

QUESTION: HAS THE U.S. RECEIVED THE FRENCH INVITATION TO A
PRODUCER/CONSUMER PREPARATORY MEETING?

ANSWER: YES.

QUESTION: WILL THE U.S. ACCEPT?

ANSWER: UNDER THE TERMS OF THE MARTINIQUE COMMUNIQUE AND
THE DECEMBER 19-20 DECISION OF THE IEA GOVERNING BOARD
ACHIEVEMENT OF CONSUMER SOLIDARITY IN THREE AREAS SHOULD
PRECEDE SUCH A PREPARATORY MEETING. THOSE AREAS ARE:
FINANCIAL SOLIDARITY, CONSERVATION, AND THE DEVELOPMENT
OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES. WE HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY MET
OUR GOALS IN THE FIRST TWO AREAS, BUT A JOINT POLICY ON
ALTERNATIVE SOURCES HAS YET TO BE WORKED OUT. WE HOPE TO
DO SO AT THE IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MARCH 6/7.
PENDING AGREEMENT ON SUCH A JOINT POLICY, THE UNITED
STATES WILL TAKE NO ACTION ON THE FRENCH INVITATION.

QUESTION: DID FRANCE INFORM YOU BEFORE ISSUING THE
INVITATION.

ANSWER: YES. FRANCE DID INFORM US IN ADVANCE.

QUESTION: DID YOU AGREE THAT INVITATIONS SHOULD BE SENT
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ANSWER: FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES AGREED AT MARTINIQUE
THAT THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE SHOULD FOLLOW ESTABLISH-
MENT OF CONSUMER SOLIDARITY. THAT IS, WE HAVE HAD AN
AGREEMENT ON WHEN THE INVITATION WOULD BE ACCEPTED. IT
WAS NOT NECESSARY TO AGREE ON WHEN THEY SHOULD BE SENT.

QUESTION: ISN'T THIS A FRENCH EFFORT TO UPSTAGE THE IEA?

ANSWER: NO. A SUCCESSFUL PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE CAN ONLY BE BASED UPON SERIOUS CONSUMER DECISIONS ON THE UNDERLYING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF ENERGY, AND FINANCIAL STABILITY. THAT IS WHAT THE IEA IS DOING. WE BELIEVE THAT FRANCE UNDERSTANDS AND ACCEPTS THIS APPROACH.

QUESTION: DO YOU AGREE WITH THE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS?

ANSWER: WE HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE. BUT THIS IS A MATTER WE WILL BE CONSIDERING WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE IEA.

QUESTION: AREN'T YOU GOING TO INSIST THAT THE IEA BE PRESENT?

ANSWER: WE BELIEVE THE IEA SHOULD BE PRESENT AND WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE WITH OUR IEA PARTNERS. KISSINGER

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